"That the Bill further to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

*Clause 2 was added to the Bill.*

*Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI AJAY MAKEN: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill be passed."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

**Motion for reference of the Bill to a select Committee the Commercial Division of High Courts Bill**, 2009.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): Sir, I move the following motion:-

"That the Bill, to provide for the constitution of a Commercial Division in the High Courts for adjudicating commercial disputes and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by Lok Sabha, be referred to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of the following Members:-

1. Shri Shantaram Laxman Naik
2. Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan
3. Prof. P.J. Kurien
4. Shri Santosh Bagrodia
5. Shri M. Rama Jois
6. Shri Balavant *alias* Bal Apte
7. Dr. V. Maitreyan
8. Shri P. Rajeeve
9. Shri Virendra Bhatia
10. Shri Satish Chandra Misra
11. Shri Tiruchi Siva
12. Shri D. Raja

with instruction to report to the Rajya Sabha by six weeks."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Jairam Ramesh to make a statement on deliberations and results of COP-15 UNFCCC, held at Copenhagen on December 18, 2009.

**STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

**Deliberation and results of COP-15 UNFCCC held at Copenhagen on December 18, 2009**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, normally I prefer to make spontaneous interventions. But, bound by your procedure, I have prepared a text. It is structured spontaneity in the text. I think, it is being distributed to all the hon. Members. Much against my wishes, I have your permission to read the text.

Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I rise to make a *suo motu* statement on the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change that was held on Copenhagen, Denmark between December 7-18th, 2009.

Before I get into the statement, Sir, let me say that this is the fourth time in the last four weeks that I am speaking in some detail on the issue of climate change reflecting our Government's transparency and keenness to keep the Parliament fully informed at every step. It also reflects, of course, the great interest hon. MPs themselves have taken in this important subject. There was a Calling Attention Motion in the Rajya Sabha on November 24th and a Zero Hour discussion on December 7th The Lok Sabha had a five-hour discussion on December 3rd. Let me reiterate that I am more than prepared to discuss this issue in Parliament at any time, in any form that the House desires and the Chairman directs.

To return to the Copenhagen Conference, there were two segments to it. The first was between December 7th and 15th that involved negotiations at the official level. The second was between the 16 and 18th of December that involved a High-Level Segment at the Ministerial level. In addition, the Danish Presidency of the Conference of Parties had invited Ministers from all countries for informal consultations from the 12th to the 17th of December, 2009. Heads of State or Heads of Government had also been invited to the High-Level Segment or during the 17th and 18th of December, 2009. Over a hundred heads of State/Government participated. Our Prime Minister addressed the Conference on the 18 of December and I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Government of India on the 16th of December. Sir, copies of both these speeches are attached to the *suo motu* Statement.

There were two specific outcomes of the Copenhagen Conference. In Bali, hon. Members may recall in December 2007, the Conference of Parties had decided to have negotiations on two